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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 0178

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR MU SA TC JO  
SUBJECT: KING HUSSAIN VISITS OMAN

REF: 76 MUSCAT 1417

1. KING HUSSAIN ARRIVED IN MUSCAT JAN 29 FOR TWO-DAY PRIVATE VISIT. SULTAN QABOOS, WHO HAD BEEN IN SALALAH SINCE EARLY JANUARY, RETURNED TO MUSCAT TO RECEIVE HIM. VISIT WAS UN-ANNOUNCED UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL AND WAS PLAYED IN VERY LOW KEY. HUSSAIN LEFT JAN 31.

2. IF THERE WAS ANY PURPOSE TO HUSSAIN'S COMING BEYOND THE ANNOUNCED "PRIVATE VISIT", NOBODY IS SAYING SO OUT LOUD. HOWEVER, OBSERVERS HAVE COME UP WITH SEVERAL VERSIONS. MOST PLAUSIBLE IS THAT HUSSAIN WISHES TO SOUND OUT THE DULTAN ALONG WITH OTHER ARAB HEADS OF STATE CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AND IT IS EVIDENTLY TRUE THAT HE IS IN THE MIDST OF A SWING THROUGH THE REGION.

3. ANOTHER STORY IS THAT JORDAN WISHES TO THIN DOWN THE ARMY  
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ENGINEERING UNIT IT HAS IN OMAN, FOLLOWING THE RECENT IRANIAN MOVE ALONG THE SAME LINES. YET ANOTHER VERSION MENTIONED TO US BY A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE, BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED BY ANY OTHER SOURCE, IS THAT HUSSAIN IS MEDIATING BETWEEN OMAN ON THE ONE HAND AND SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UAE ON THE OTHER CONCERNING SIMMERING TERRITORIAL DISPUTES ALONG THEIR RESPECTIVE BORDERS (SEE REFTTEL).

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